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TO : Dr. [redacted], Chief, M/OSI DATE: 3 November 1955

FROM : [redacted] M/SI

SUBJECT: Report of interview with [redacted], a 23-year old airman, former Chinese POW, who was operated upon for appendicitis while in their custody.

1. Airman [redacted] reported that the only anesthesia he had at the time of surgery must have been an injection he received in the right forearm about 15-20 minutes beforehand.

2. After listening to his account it is my opinion that he [redacted] undoubtedly was operated on under local anesthesia.

3. [redacted] reported that he became ill on the 2nd of August 1954 about 1700 hours and was operated upon at 2400 hours. Fifteen minutes prior to surgery he was given an injection in the right forearm with a syringe which was, as he described it, one inch in diameter, 6 inches long and 2/3 full. It raised a large welt on his forearm. At surgery he was draped and was unable to see anything. He reported that he felt a few initial cuts with a knife before the incision was made. He felt considerable pain but did not struggle or cry out during the procedure. He has a typical McBurney incision.

4. [redacted] probably misinterpreted the pricks of needle injecting the local anesthesia as knife pricks. It is well known that the Russians are using local anesthetics extensively.

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